

JEALOUSY SEEMS ONLY MOTIVE IN DOUBLE KILLING

Emil Sporrey Alleged to Have Purchased Revolver Purposely to Kill Mixer.

WANTS TO KNOW PENALTY

Asks C. O. Larson to Find Out What He Would Receive if He "Got" Grace Campbell's Husband.

That a bitter feeling existed between Emil Sporrey and George Mixer, which culminated in Sporrey's killing Mixer's wife and then committing suicide, was brought out at the double inquest held Saturday afternoon at the Kent undertaking parlors, C. O. Larson, 723 Thirtieth street, Moline, told the coroner's jury that Sporrey had purchased his 22-calibre automatic several weeks ago and showed it to him and declared that he intended to "get" Mrs. Mixer's husband. Larson said he attempted to get Sporrey to give him the weapon but the latter said that he would part with anything else in the world but the gun.

From the evidence introduced at the inquest, jealousy seemed to be the primal cause for the tragedy. Sporrey is known to have been a man of quick temper, especially when drinking and it is presumed that the taunt of the painted woman that he "didn't have nerve enough to shoot" was too much for his self-control in his excited state of mind and the double killing resulted.

THE VERDICTS.

Separate inquests were held. An inquisition over the remains of Mr. Sporrey was first conducted, the jury finding that he came to his death from self-inflicted wounds and then an investigation into the death of Mrs. Margaret Mixer, better known to her associates as Grace Campbell, was held, the jury finding that she died from wounds received from a revolver fired by Sporrey.

MORIBUND CURIOSITY.

That there is a morbid curiosity in the average person which is usually aroused, was emphasized to the fullest extent at the inquest. Hundreds crowded in the Kent undertaking parlors, many laughing and seemingly in the best of humor, viewing the whole proceeding as a pleasing diversion. All during the day hundreds visited the morgue to view the remains and fully half of the spectators were women and young girls to whom the tragedy seemed to mean nothing.

PURCHASE GUN.

The first witness examined at the inquest was C. O. Larson of Moline. It was he who testified that Sporrey had "in" for Grace Campbell's husband. Larson said "Sporrey came to me several weeks ago and showed me a gun he had bought," identifying the weapon which coroner R. C. J. Meyer held in his hand, "and said he bought it to kill the husband of Grace Campbell. I told him to cut out his foolishness and give me the revolver but he said he would not part with it."

"GET SOME ONE ELSE."

"He also told me that he might get someone else with it but who he meant I do not know. He wanted me to find out how much a man would get if he killed a man and I told him it would be as much as his life was worth. I met Grace and Sporrey in a saloon and they wanted me to call up at the court house and find out when Grace's trial was coming up and Judge Bell said in about a week. I told them this and Sporrey told me again that he was going to get Grace's man."

Mr. Larson's testimony developed the fact that Mixer and Sporrey did have trouble some time ago and Mixer is alleged to have drawn a gun on Sporrey which was responsible for Sporrey's enmity.

RECOUNTS STORY.

F. H. Haire, Moline bartender, whose story was told in The Argus Saturday, retold his version of the affair to the jury. He told how he had gone Saturday morning at 1 o'clock to the Campbell home and had been there about 15 minutes when Sporrey, who was intoxicated, came to the house and asked Grace if she didn't want to take a taxi ride. She replied that she did and that when the couple got to the taxi, Grace found a dark haired woman in the machine and refused to enter. Sporrey and Grace then returned to the house both snarling, Grace repeatedly charging that Sporrey had been out riding with the mysterious stranger with a revolver.

MAKES THREAT.

"Sporrey then pulled out a revolver," said Haire, "and shouted, 'I'll kill you,' at Grace. Flossie Williams, the other girl who was in the room, started to get up and he said to her, 'Sit down or I'll shoot you.' At this point two men came into the house, one being the taxi driver and the other man I did not know. Sporrey seemed disturbed at their entrance and shoved them into the kitchen with the remark, 'You came in the front door, you can go out the back' and draw his revolver again, fired once into the cupboard."

FATAL SHOTS FIRED.

"Grace then said to Sporrey, 'Oh, please put up that gun,' and Emil did. Everything had quieted down until Grace taunted him with the threat, 'You—, you ain't game to shoot.' Sporrey from the doorway, jerked out his revolver again in his left hand, firing twice at Grace and once into his own left temple. Grace fell over and Sporrey dropped at my feet. Flossie and I ran and got a taxi and went to Moline where we were arrested at Ernest Parker's cabin boat."

Flossie Williams, 20 years, who said she was a waitress and who was an eye witness, next took the stand and told substantially the same story as did Haire. She said she knew Sporrey by sight and had known Grace for about three years. She said that she knew the relations between Mixer and Sporrey were not friendly.

City Detective Tom Cox told of being called to the Campbell resort and of finding the two dead bodies there and of calling a doctor. The gun was found at Sporrey's feet. This completed the evidence and the jury found that Sporrey came to his death from wounds inflicted by himself.

SAFE EVIDENCE.

The second inquest immediately followed and the same evidence was introduced. Mr. Larson and Mr. Haire told their stories over again and it was not thought necessary to examine any other witnesses. The jury found that Sporrey had killed Grace Campbell.

FUNERAL TODAY.

The funeral of Emil Sporrey was held this afternoon at 2:30 from the home of his mother, Mrs. Andrew F. Sporrey, 2401 Fourth avenue, Moline. Rev. Albert M. Johanson of the Swedish Mission tabernacle officiated, the services being private. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

The deceased was born Dec. 28, 1884, in Sweden, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Sporrey. In 1892 Emil came to America and located at Moline. He was a finely built man and early became interested in wrestling. He proved quite an adept at the sport and became very proficient.

There survives besides the mother, three brothers, Fred, Albin and Fritz, all of Moline, and four sisters: Mrs. Ed Krohn, Mrs. Signe Josephson, Mrs. Hannah Johnson and Miss Judith Sporrey, all of whom reside in Moline. The father died some years ago. The deceased was a member of the Eagles.

PARENTS ARRIVE.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hornbecker of Belting, Mich., have arrived in the city to care for the remains of their daughter, who was known as Grace Campbell. The husband, George Mixer, is also in the city from Toledo, Ohio.

The maiden name of deceased was Margaret Hornbecker. She was 33 years of age. There survive, besides her parents, four sisters, Emma and May Hornbecker, Mrs. Tillie Pearce, and Mrs. Rose Davis, and one brother, John Hornbecker, all of whom reside in Belting, Mich.

The remains are to be taken to Belting, Mich., probably tomorrow morning, for burial.

River Riptlets

The trip of the steamer Morning Star of the Northern Steamboat company to Florence, Ala., has been cancelled because of the refusal of the contractors in charge of the Kookuk power dam to permit the opening of the lock. The cruise was to have been started May 15 and over 100 residents of the tri-cities had engaged passage on the boat.

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TWO CONTRACTS FOR PAVING LET

McCarthy Improvement Company Gets Eleventh Avenue Asphalt Job.

ONLY ONE COMPETITOR

Barber Concern Submits Bid—Date Set for Public Hearing on Three Projects.

Two contracts for paving jobs were awarded this morning by the board of local improvements which met at the mayor's office. The bid of the Tri-City Construction company for paving forty-fourth street from Tenth to Thirtieth avenues was the lowest, the figure being \$2.20 per square yard. The independent construction company and the McCarthy Improvement company submitted bids.

The McCarthy Improvement company was given the contract for the paving of Eleventh avenue between Eleventh street and Twenty-third street. The details of the bid were: Asphalt paving, \$2 per square yard; curb and gutter, 63 cents per yard; concrete flag, 45 cents per yard; catch basins, \$50; and storm drains, \$70. The Barber Asphalt company was the only competitor for the contract.

MORE PAVING PLANNED. Public hearings have been called by the board to consider the following improvements:

Second avenue paving from Ninth to Fourteenth streets, asphalt.
Twelfth avenue paving from Twelfth to Twenty-second streets, asphalt.
Tenth avenue, Thirtieth to Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fourth street, Tenth avenue to Ninth-and-a-half avenue, asphalt.

Hearings on all these jobs will be held the morning of May 8 at the mayor's office.

At High School

Tomorrow evening the local high school club will give its annual concert at the high school assembly room. A fine program has been arranged, and the evening will close with a minstrel show. The Dominoes quintet, composed of five of the school faculty, will assist the boys in making

their program most entertaining, and a number of solos, instrumental and vocal, will complete the first half of the evening's entertainment. The latter half will be given over to the minstrel performance with popular songs and the usual exchange of wit. Glenn Reif and James McNamara are the end men, and they have enough jokes up their sleeves to keep Rock Island laughing for some time to come. Professor E. L. Philbrook has been the instructor of the boys for the last year, and the songsters have been rehearsing their parts for the minstrel and tuning their voices until they have brought themselves unto a state of near perfection. The entire program is as follows:

"On the Sea"—Glee club and Dominoes.
Piano Solo—Clyde Downing.
"Hark the Trumpet"—Dominoes.
Up to Date Medley—Glee club.
"That Old Girl of Mine"—Langton Prager and Glee club.
"Hunters Chorus" (D. Buck)—Dominoes.
"Life of Youth" (Concert Waltz)—Glee club.
"The Creole's Love Song"—Glenn Reid.

"Old Black Joe"—Dominoes.
PART II.—MINSTREL.
Minstrel overture.
"Sally Ann"—Club.
"Mary from Maryland"—Club.
"Little Houston Street"—James Bruner.

"On a Sunday Morning"—Glenn Fry.
"When the Cuckoo Goes to Sleep"—Club.
"When Grogan Joined the Band"—Dwight La Grange.
"Dad's Old Violin"—Dean Ingalls.
"Little Moss No-One from Nowhere"—Club.
"Posie Who"—Glenn Reid.
"Shut That Door"—Ends.
"Dear Old Pumpkin Man"—James McNamara, Jr.
"Plain Phillip Lee"—Club.
Epds.—Glenn Reid and James McNamara.

TWENTY OVERLAND CARS TAKE SOCIABILITY RUN

Twenty Overland cars were driven in yesterday's sociability run to Sterling and return. The start was at 9:15 from the Horst & Streiter garage on Second avenue, the journey going being via Hillsdale. Ten miles outside Sterling 15 cars, forming a reception committee, met the visitors and escorted them into the city. The return trip was via Port Byron, the Rock Islanders leaving Sterling at 2:35 and reaching home at 6 o'clock. The delegation reached Sterling at 12:10. The distance going was 57 miles and returning 62.2 miles.



Memorial Christian—The Ladies' Aid society will meet at the church Thursday afternoon with Miss Mollie Myers and Mrs. A. M. Parker as hostesses.

The Christian Endeavor society will meet in regular business session tonight at the church, and members are asked to attend.

Central Presbyterian—The Young People's choir will meet this evening at the church for rehearsal.

Wednesday afternoon the Pastor's Aid society will hold an all day session at the church. A picnic lunch will be served at noon.

Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock the session will meet in the church parlors, prayer services will be held at 7:30, at which time Rev. J. C. Redding, the evangelist who conducted services during the winter, will be present and preach.

The Mission Study class will meet with Mrs. E. A. Zeigler, 1109, Fourteenth street, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The class will take up the study of the book, "Mormonism, the Islam of America."

First Baptist—Prayer and covenant meeting will be held Wednesday evening at the church.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Mission society will be held with Mrs. William Ulmeyer, 1107 Nineteenth street, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Journey will be the leader of the afternoon and the topic is China.

The choir will meet for rehearsal Friday evening at the church.

First Methodist—The Queen Esther circle will meet with Miss Mabel

Smutz, 1124 Fourteenth and a half street, tomorrow evening at 7:30.

Mid-week prayer services will be held Wednesday evening at the church, followed by a short session of the Sunday school.

The annual banquet of the Covenant bible class will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 at the church.

The Women's Foreign Mission society will hold its monthly meeting with Mrs. Louis Dindinger, 950 Twenty-first street, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. J. E. Connor, pastor of the First Methodist church, Moline, will preach at the church next Sunday morning.

First Swedish Lutheran—The building committee will meet with O. Z. Cervin at his office this evening at 8 o'clock.

Tomorrow evening the Men's society will meet with J. A. Anderson, 920 Fifteenth street. Paul Schaeffer will be the leader of the evening.

Wednesday evening prayer services will be held at the school house. The choir will meet for rehearsal after the services.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Charles Palmrose, 506 Sixth street.

Thursday evening the Young People's society will hold its literary meeting at the church.

Zion Lutheran—Wednesday evening prayer services will be held at the home of Dr. M. J. Englund, 827 Forty-first street.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Landeen, 2427 Fifth street, South Moline, Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Next Sunday morning communion and reception of new members will be held.

Spencer Memorial Methodist—Tuesday evening bible study class will be held at the church.

Prayer services will be held at the church Wednesday evening.

Thursday afternoon the May coffee of the Ladies' Aid society will be held at the home of Mrs. Della Berkert, 920 Fortieth street.

The Y. L. A. girls will meet this evening with Miss Elva Allabrow, 1023 Third avenue.

The Standard Bearers will meet Saturday afternoon with Miss Elsie Greggs, 631 Thirty-ninth street.

Grace Lutheran—The choir will meet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock for rehearsal.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold an ice cream and pie sociable in the lecture room of the church Thursday afternoon and evening.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid society will be held Friday afternoon with Mrs. Rudolph Lipdstrom, 1125 Thirty-eighth street.

The confirmation class meets Sunday morning at 9:15 at the church.

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REV. SMITH IS TO GO TO KEWANEE

District Superintendent of the Methodist Church and Family Move Tomorrow.

Rev. Alexander Smith, district superintendent of the Methodist church and his family are to leave tomorrow for Kewanee where they will make their future home. Rev. Mr. Smith is moving primarily for the reason that his family might be nearer together.

Rev. Mr. Smith has a son who graduated not long ago from the School of Commerce of Northwestern university and he has accepted a position in the office of the Boss Manufacturing company. He also has a married son who is cashier of the Yocum Brothers bank at Galva. Rev. Mr. Smith is away about half of his time and it is in order that his family might be closer that he has purchased property there.

For two and a half years, since his appointment to the district work, Rev. Mr. Smith has made his home in Rock Island and he states that his stay here has been exceedingly pleasant. Not only the church people but the citizens generally have been cordial and Rev. Mr. Smith expressed the kindest feeling for local people. The district superintendent has three more years to serve. Kewanee is in the same district as Rock Island and that is really a more central point than this for the work.

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MUCH WORK DONE ON "Y" BUILDING

Past Week Has Been One of Real Progress on the New Structure.

The past week has been a period of real progress on the Y. M. C. A. new building. During the week, the walls have been carried up to the second floor level, and most of the forms have been built for the concrete and tile work to be done this week on the second floor.

By the end of the present week, the pouring of concrete on the second floor should be well along, while the gymnasium walls will probably be up to the roof level. At the present rate of progress, there is no reason why the whole building should not be ready for the roof some time in July, which will be indeed notable success in pushing the contract. Contractor Larkin is sparing no pains in his effort to complete the building on schedule time, and it is due to his energy that such good progress is being made.

As the big building rises into shape, people are just beginning to get an idea of the magnitude of the project. It is probable that most of those who helped last spring to raise the money had very little conception of how big a thing they were doing, and even yet it is hard for most people to realize the greatness of the building that they have made possible, a building which is to be one of the most impressive and beautiful in the city, and, indeed, one of the finest in the middle west.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our gratitude to all who, by their sympathy and kindness, assisted us during our great bereavement in the loss of our beloved son, Edward. Also to those who sent flowers. We particularly desire to thank our friends in Omaha and Fort Dodge for the flowers and their sympathy.

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